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6# AN EMBASSY OFFICER REVIEWED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PRESENT STATUS OF JOINT COMMISSION AS OUTLINED REFTEL WITH MEA. WE BELIEVE THAT GOI IS IN AGREEMENT WITH US ON ESSENTIAL MODALITIES THOUGH IT HAS NOT GONE AS FAR AS USG IN CONSIDERING SPECIFIC TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FIRST SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS.

2. MEA OFFICIALS TOOK NOTE OF USG CHAIRMEN OF SUBCOMMISSIONS BUT STATED THAT GOI HAD NOT YET SLECTED ITS CHAIRMEN. GOI IN AGREEMENT ON LOCATION AND TIMING OF FIRST MEETINGS WITH EXCEP- 589, 9\* 3:9,9.8:/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION WHICH THEY ASSUMED WOULD MEET IN NEW DELHI IN JANUARY. THIS IS A DETAIL WHICH CAN BE WORKED OUT LATER.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTEL GOI AGREES THAT SUBCOMMISSION WILL NOT PLAY OPERATIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE FOR CURRENT PROGRAMS FOR FUNCTION AS A "COURT OF APPEAL" ON DISPUTES. GOI HAS NOT CON-  
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SIDERED HOW THE SUBCOMMISSIONS WILL OPERATE AND BELIEVES THAT

THIS MUST BE WORKED OUT BY THE SUBCOMMISSIONS THEMSELVES IN PRACTICE.

4. WE HAVE GIVEN MEA THE LIST OF PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE IDEAS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS (PARA 5 REFTEL. MEA OFFICIALS HAD NO COMMENT ON THE LIST AND SAID THEY WERE NOT YET READY TO BE THIS SPECIFIC. I HAVE STRESSED THAT THE LIST WAS PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE PRELIMINARY AGENDA.

6. ON THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION WE NOTE THE OMISSION OF NEW TRADE INITIATIVES FROM THE LIST DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT WAS PROPOSED BY INDIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR ASRANI (STATE'S 222254). WE HOPE THAT THIS WAS AN OVERSIGHT AND THAT WE MAY ADD AN ADDITIONAL ITEM 11 "DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNIQUES TO EXPAND BILATERAL TRADE."

7. WITH RESPECT TO THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUBCOMMISSION, WE BELIEVE WATER MANAGEMENT, SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, AND POPULATION STUDIES COULD ALSO BE LISTED AS SO-CALLED "NEW" AREAS OF COOPERATION. IT WOULD AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING IF CURRENT ITEMS OF PRIORITY WERE SPELLED OUT, SUCH AS HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, EARTH RESOURCES, SPACE, COMMUNICATIONS, MATERIALS, AND OCEANS.

8. WITH RESPECT TO THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION WE HOPE THAT THE BIFURCATION INTO A WORKING GROUP FOR EDUCATION AND ANOTHER FOR EVERYTHING ELSE WILL NOT BECOME TOO RIGID IN PRACTICE. HUMANITIES, ART, MUSEOLOGY AND FOUNDATIONS ALL HAVE AN EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT AND IMPACT AND ARE COMMONLY PURSUED THROUGH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FORMS OF ACADEMIC ENDEAVOR. WE NEED TO AVOID INFINITE SUBDIVISIONS AND CONSEQUENT JURISDICTIONAL HASSLES OR LAYERS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEES; WE ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER PLENTY OF THAT AMONG GOI MINISTRIES.

9. AMONG THE LISTED POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS, WE NOTE THAT, EXCEPT FOR #1, EDUCATION PER SE IS TOTALLY ABSENT. FURTHER AGENDA ITEMS ON EDUCATION SHOULD BE ADDED. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WANT TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO INCLUDING LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SUBCOMMISSION. WE WILL BE SOUNDING OUT THE KEY LABOR OFFICIALS HERE ON THIS SUBJECT AND YOU MAY WANT TO GET THE VIEWS OF THE DEPT'S LABOR ADVISOR AS WELL. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER INCLUSION WOULD HELP OR HINDER CURRENTLY ONGOING LABOR EXCHANGES.  
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